## STATE OF ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE SECURITIES DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF: GREAT VALUE REFERRALS ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, PARTNERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, AFFILIATES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.)

FILE NO. 0900513

## ORDER OF PROHIBITION

TO RESPONDENTS:

Great Value Referrals 11028 Warwick Blvd., Ste 4 Newport News. Va. VA 23601

WHEREAS, a Temporary Order of Prohibition was issued by the Secretary of State on January 15, 2009 which prohibited GREAT VALUE REFERRALS. ("Respondent") from engaging in the business of loan brokering in the State of Illinois until further order of the Secretary of State or his duly authorized representative;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 15-55(e) Illinois Loan Brokers Act of 1955 [815 ILCS 175/15-1] (the "Act"), the failure to request a hearing within thirty (30) calendar days of the entry of the Temporary Order shall constitute an admission of any acts alleged therein and constitute a sufficient basis to make the Temporary Order final;

WHEREAS, the Respondent has failed to request a hearing on the matters contained in the Temporary Order within thirty (30) calendar days of the entry of said Temporary Order and the Respondent is hereby deemed to have admitted the facts alleged in the Temporary Order;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State, by and through his duly authorized representative, has adopted the Findings of Fact contained in the Temporary Order as the Secretary of State's Findings of fact as follows:

- 1. That Great Value Referrals ("Respondent"), maintains a business address at 11028 Warwick Blvd., Ste 4, Newport News, VA 23601.
- 2. That during October and November 2009, Respondent, by and through its Officers, Directors, Partners, Employees, Affiliates, Successors, Agents and Assigns, offered to procure loans via the internet at <a href="http://greatvaluereferrals.com">http://greatvaluereferrals.com</a> (the "Ad") which was viewed by at least one (1) Illinois resident ("Borrower").

- 3. That Borrower responded to the Ad and was then called by a representative of the Respondent who told Borrower that a security deposit would be required in the amount of One Thousand One Hundred Ninety Seven Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$1,197.30), then borrower would receive a personal loan of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars six to eight hours after its receipt.
- 4. That on August 6, 2009 Borrower remitted the sum of One Thousand One Hundred Ninety Seven Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$1,197.30) Dollars. Borrower also paid a fee of One hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00) to Moneygram.
- 5. On or about August 7, 2009, a customer service representative of Respondent told Borrower, when Borrower inquired about the failure to receive his funds, that loan insurance was required. The loan insurance entailed another payment in the amount of another Two Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$2,394.60).
- 6. That Borrower replied to Respondent's customer service representative that he was not previously advised of such a payment and would like his security deposit payment returned. Respondent's representative then hung up on Borrower.
- 7. That Borrower never received a loan or the return of the advance security payments from the Respondent.
- 8. That Respondent is a loan broker as that term is defined pursuant to Section 15-5.15. of the Illinois Loan Brokers Act of 1995 [815 ILCS 175/15-1 et seq.] (the "Act").
- 9. That Section 15-10 of the Act provides, <u>inter alia</u>, that it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of loan brokering unless registered under the Act.
- 10. That Section 15-85, of the Act provides, <u>inter alia</u>, that it is prohibited under the Act for a loan broker to either directly or indirectly act as a loan broker without registration under the Act unless exempt under the Act.
- That at all times relevant hereto, Respondent, its Officers, Directors, Employees, Affiliates, Successors, Agents and Assigns, failed to file an application for registration as a loan broker with the Secretary of State prior to the aforementioned loan offer from the State of Illinois.
- 12. That by virtue of the foregoing, Respondent it's Officers, Directors, Partners Employees, Affiliates, Successors, Agents, Assigns, have violated Section 15-10 and/or 15-85(b) of the Act.

13. That Section 15-55(d) of the Act provides, inter alia, that if the Secretary of State shall find any person is acting or has acted as a loan broker as defined in Section 15-5.15 of this Act, without prior thereto or at the time thereof having complied with the registration requirements of the Act, the Secretary of State may by written order prohibit such person from acting as a loan broker in the State.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT: pursuant to the authority granted by Section 15-55(c) and Section 15-55(d) of the Act, GREAT VALUE REFERRALS, its Officers, Directors, Employees, Affiliates, Successors, Agents Partners and Assigns, are hereby **PROHIBITED** from engaging in the business of loan brokering in the State of Illinois until further order of the Secretary of State.

NOTICE: Failure to comply with the terms of this Order shall be a violation of Section 15-65 of the ACT. Any person who willfully violates this act commits a class 4 felony. This is a final order subject to administrative review pursuant to the Administrative Review Law [735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.] and the Rules and Regulations of the Act (14 Ill. Admin. Code, Ch. 1 Sec. 130.1123). Any action for judicial review must be commenced within thirty-five (35) days from the date a copy of this Order is served upon the party sceking review.

ENTERED: This 22 day of January, 2010.

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